

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

29 December 1959

**SUBJECT: Meeting of General Cabell with General LeMay
on 28 December 1959**

1. The above meeting was arranged to discuss the Air Force proposal that a SAC U-2 unit be established [redacted] to support overflights of mainland China and, perhaps eventually, of Siberia [redacted] [redacted] General Montgomery and Mr. Bissell were present in addition to General Cabell and General LeMay. 25X1 25X1

2. General LeMay explained that the Air Force's reason for advancing this proposal was simply to get the greatest possible use out of the U-2 for the highest priority targets to which access could be obtained before the U-2 becomes obsolete. General Cabell said that he believed the proposed operation would be unwise at least for the present. He stated:

a. That until coverage had been obtained of top priority targets in the USSR, exposure of the U-2 under circumstances which could result in advance publicity or diplomatic action should be held to a minimum.

b. That he felt that such U-2 missions as might be authorized over denied areas could be flown [redacted] 25X1

c. That we had reason to believe that permission might be obtained ([redacted] or CHALICE) in the course of the next six or eight months for perhaps two or three additional missions against the USSR, provided nothing occurred to make the political climate less favorable.

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25X1 3. After discussion General LeMay indicated that he would accept General Cabell's view. It was agreed that the best way

General Cabell favored this procedure so as to avoid either deploying additional U-2s to the Far East or exposing the CHALICE operation

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